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LAIRSON et al.

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SHEILDS FOR PERPENDICULAR
RECORDING TO REDUCE
STRAY FIELD SENSITIVITY"

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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from December 25, 2003 to March 25, 2004.

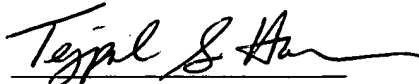
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